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State Senator Kathy Bernier

Bernier Statement on Budget Passage

(Madison)...State Senator Kathy Bernier (R-Lake Hallie) issued the following statement on the State Senate's passage of the 2019-21 Wisconsin Budget:

"I am very proud of the budget passed by the Wisconsin Legislature. It's a rational and responsible budget that protects taxpayers, while providing necessary increases in areas of need.

"Wisconsin is in its best financial condition in decades, which is why we are able to reduce taxes and yet provide additional support for the things our constituents care about like more funding for roads and infrastructure and new resources to care for the disabled, elderly and those with mental health needs. We are also providing a \$500 million increase in K-12 education funding, a new record for state investment.

"The last things we want to do is slow our economy down by adding more tax burden to the citizens of this state. Each and every budget cycle is a challenge and it will always be so. It is good to know that we have the largest rainy day fund in the history of our state and are in much better financial shape than when I entered the legislature just over 8 years ago. I look forward to Governor Evers signing this budget into law."

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